



MINUTES
MEETING 6th October 2009
COMMENCING Immediately after AGM
HAY GOLF CLUB

Guest Speakers: Jeff Gamble (MIA Rural) and Geoff Keech (MACSPRED)

Welcome : President welcomed delegates and noted that the meeting would be taped.

Apologies: R. Eade (Narrandera LHPA), G. Neyland (Bland Shire), S. Cowley (LPMA), R. Mitchell (Carrathool Shire), B. Burford (Griffith Shire), B. Ebery (Wakool Shire).

Attendees: Cr. M. Abney – Hastings (Jerilderie Shire), G. Portbury (Jerilderie Shire), S. Lisle (NSW I & I), P. Bosse (E/WRNWAG), L. Mitsch (E/WRNWAG), D. Morris (CMWCC), S. Battenally (Wakool Shire), J. Morrison (Leeton Shire), J. Clyne (Leeton Shire), J. Gamble (MIA Rural), C. Hendriksen (ARTC), W. Judd (Wentworth Shire), **P. Murphy (Forests NSW)** new participant, M. Lalor (Forests NSW), A. Clark (Narrandera Shire), J. Steele (Narrandera Shire), K. Woods (Carrathool Shire), A. Berry (Griffith Shire), A. Thompson (Balranald Shire), P. Derrig (Hay Shire), R. Ferguson (RENWA).

Minutes: Moved: CR. M. Abney – Hastings

Seconded: S. Battenally

That the minutes as presented are a true and accurate record of the previous meeting held on the 6/06/2009
Carried.

Business Arising

- Display Trailer. ERNWAG wanted to go with the local June Goal option. Quote needed to be adjusted to take into account the required dust sealing of doors.
Jerilderie will pay all accounts and registration then recoup the money through WRNWAG account. This saves E/WRNWAG paying the GST.

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15/06/09	Hay Bowling Club		Invoice for Hire of venue
15/07/09	awmedia		Annual fee for website hosting
21/09/09	Department I & I		NSW Weeds Action Plan

Correspondence Out

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10/06/09	Cumquat Cuisine		Payment for catering for meeting 09/06/09
16/06/09	Hay Bowling Club		Payment of invoice for hire of venue

Moved: A. Clark. That inwards correspondence be accepted and acknowledge outwards correspondence as read.

Seconded: A. Berry

Carried

Financial Reports

Moved: G.Portbury that financial report as presented is accepted.

Seconded: P. Derrig

RWNPO Report (Paula)

Regional Weed Strategy – Murray – I still have heaps of boxes available so don't hang on to what you have – it's to be distributed. Let me know when you run out...

Boneseed Regional Plan – the draft plan will be emailed out to all for comments once it's finalised. In the meantime I am chasing declaration letters from the following councils: Balranald, Coolamon & Griffith. The final regional plan will be submitted as a regional application with all the regions declaration letters (& cost benefit forms). Please fast track this through council & forward the original letters to me ASAP

GP allocations 09/10 – all continuing projects have been signed off; waiting on new contract...no word on the announcement of continuing projects other than everything is sitting with the minister awaiting his signature!!!

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GP reports 08/09 – thank you to all who returned everything to me on time. Again there are certain LCAs/ LHPAs who I continue to chase for information. This is not only very frustrating but very time consuming. Riverina's reports were all submitted and received in Orange on time. It would have been nice to say all information submitted to me was of a high standard but it appears that the closer the deadline gets the fewer words appear on the questionnaires. Due to the sometimes lack of feedback submitted to me – some reports submitted to NWAC are very limited... so when we receive the funding announcements and if something doesn't get up – have a think about the lack of detail you may have put into your reports... would you found something that never achieves anything and people can't be bothered reporting about. I am pleased to report that N/A wasn't used to the extent it was in previous years reports (after I banned it's use) but there was still a general lack of detail the later the report was submitted.

Alligator weed – Riverina case study – Melissa freeman (NSW DPI) and I are in the process of compiling a regional case study for AW. This study will ensure consistency in the delivery of information relating to these infestations. We have so far received back some pretty valuable information – keep it coming....we've got a timeline already started for Woomargama and have also liaised with the property manager who'll fill in any gaps he can. Melissa will be meeting up with me in November to collate all the information prior to the next AW taskforce meeting. Hopefully we'll have something to circulate (draft) for comments before the end of the year.

Aquatic Weeds Advertising campaign – on air at present for 4 weeks! Looks fantastic and my daughter can now say "NSW has No Space for Weeds doesn't it mum"

Lachlan RWS – Draft finalised in June – no news as yet as to the printed doc... stay tuned.

Prioritising weed management for biodiversity conservation at the NRM level – NSW DPI and DECC project in conjunction with the CMAs. Workshops in the Murrumbidgee catchment next week – Wagga 14th and Hay 15th October.

Sagittaria Taskforce – endorsement of the strategy by WRNWAG & individual LCAs. Its declaration (lack of) in Victoria is holding up it's declaration as a target sp for Bio-

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control. It is hoped the declaration process will be completed early next year. The taskforce is looking at holding another symposium early next year – possibly on the NSW side of the Murray River – stay tuned. I will post the update/report on Dense waterweed in Lake Mulwala on the web.

Motion: *“that Western Riverina Noxious Weeds Advisory Group endorses the strategy of the Sagittaria Taskforce”*

Moved: S. Battenally

Seconded: G. Portbury

Carried

CNG field day in November – Greater Hume Shire – Details to be advised via email.

WoNS website... currently defaulting to www.weeds.gov.au. Hopefully it will be operational again soon – will notify via email when restored.

Performance Mgt (new grants process) – Training end of November early December. Wagga – 30/11/09 & 1/12/09. Hay 3/12/09 & 4/12/09. Email circulated to weedos 10th September. It is a two day training course and it is recommended upper management from each LCA attends the first two hours of the first day – the introduction/brief overview/summary of all the changes. Register ASAP.

Serrated tussock – Box of CDs (resources), best practice guides etc – distributed to those in attendance.

WRM workshops – two workshops next week. Email to be sent advising which day to attend. It is necessary to attend the training so all weedos are equipped to review all class 4 weeds. The review is currently taking place and results need to be back with II NSW in February 2010.

Hawkweed – presentation at CSU Thurgoona on Friday (9th October) – “Hawkweeds – control eradication – case studies from New Zealand and Australia for managers”. I will circulate all relevant information.

Noxious and Environmental Weed Control Handbook (4th edition) – is available from the II NSW bookshop. Electronic format is also available for download on their website.

RNWPO – Continuation of project (2010–2015). I have put together a realistic 5 year budget (Note: the current project has been running at a loss the past few years). I have also collated the past 6 year’s expenditure statements into a summary. Both spreadsheets will be circulated, along with a

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cover letter detailing the importance of the project, outlining achievements to date and future projects, by WRNWAG seeking contributions to this crucial project.

Promotions Officer Report (Lisa)

Chinwag

Latest edition was emailed out in September. Available for download on the website. Thank you to all those weedos who took the time to contribute to the stories in Chinwag. It actually makes the newsletter much more interesting when others tell their own stories! Please remember to email me anything that you think might be of interest for the next edition.

Field Days

Henty Field days was held in late September. Working bee was well attended and shed was cleaned to perfection! All three days were well represented and attendance was pretty good in our little corner!

NSW Weeds Conference

15th Biennial New South Wales Noxious and Environmental Weeds Conference was held at Narrabri from the 15th to 17th September 2009. From all reports the conference was worthwhile, however down on numbers from previous years.

Buerckener & Stephenson Weed Officers Award

This year the prestigious Stephenson Award was won by our very own Paula Bosse. This award was very well deserved for a hardworking, dedicated weed warrior! I am sure you will all agree that Paula is a very worthy recipient. There will be a media release soon from I & I and we will follow up with our own media.

The Buerckener Award was won by Tony Martin from Sydney.

Alligator Weed Television Advertisement

The NSW No Space 4 Weeds Alligator Weed Advertisement was launched at ERNWAG's site at the Henty Field Days. The launch was covered by The Land newspaper and media releases were sent to all media within the Riverina. The advertisement has been running on WIN television and will be aired until the end of October. Keep your eyes peeled for any stories in your local papers and please let us know if you find any!!

Bio Control Poster

A simple Bio Control poster was developed for Henty Field Days to have on display as a reference for the weed

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officers. If you would like a copy of this you can find it on the website under Documents/Factsheets/biocontrol.

Kids Activity Books 2009

An updated version of the kid's activity book was created before Henty Field Days. The new version is also available on the web under Documents/kids Activities/Kids Activity Book 2009.

Website – www.riverinaweeds.org.au

Still going well – remember if there is anything you want to see on there let me know.

Weeds Officers Reports

Weeds officers presented their reports on activities undertake since last meeting.

General Business

The Secretary proposed that the organisation (WRNWAG) acquire an ABN number to alleviate the problems caused by GST.

Motion: *“the Secretary investigate the acquisition of an ABN number for WRNWAG”*

Moved: G. Portbury

Seconded: A. Clark

Carried

Funding for the Silverleaf Nightshade control project run by the EC Graham Centre.

Glen Neyland requested that WRNWAG send a letter supporting the Silverleaf Nightshade program to the Meat and Livestock Authority.

Motion: *“A letter of support for the Silverleaf Nightshade control project run by the EC Graham centre is sent to the Meat and Livestock Authority.”*

Moved: P. Derrig

Seconded: A. Berry

Carried

Date, Time & Venue of Next Meeting

- 2nd March 2010
- 10:00 AM
- Hay Golf Club

Meeting Close: 2:35 PM

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